(d) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for taking up the project on Built, Operate and Transfer basis is in advanced stage of preparation.

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2551. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India is examining proposals to take up development of roads near Bangalore City to ease traffic congestion;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been done in this regard;

(c) the estimated cost of the proposed project; and

(d) what is the present status of the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry is responsible for the development and maintenance of national highways only. The National Highway projects are being taken up by the National Highways Authority of India near Bangalore city to ease traffic congestion. The details of these projects are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

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SI N	Name of project	Estimated cost (Rs. in Crores)	Status
1	Construction of elevated Highway from Slik Board Junction (8/765) to Electronic City (18/750) and widening of the existing four lane carriageway to six lane with constructions of service road and drain from Km. 18/750 to 33/135	625.00	Letter of Acceptance (LoA) has been issued to the concessionaire

Sl. No.	Name of project	Estimated cost (Rs. in Crores)	Status
2	Construction of elevated Highway 240.00 from Km. 10.00 to 16.00 and widening to six lane along with construction service road from Km. 16.00 to 29.50 of Bangalore-Nelamangala Section of NH-4.		Detailed Project Report (DPR) is under finalization

Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana

2552. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana (PMBJP);

(b) whether this project is currently in progress;

(c) if so, how many State capitals are proposed to be linked by four-lane highways under this scheme;

(d) whether the work of the four-laning of the Delhi-Dehradun highway has been taken up under this scheme; and

(e) if not, whether any other plan under which the Delhi-Dehradun four-lane highway is to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana (PMBJP) was only under proposal stage and was not approved by the Government. However, Government has approved upgradation of 4000 km of National Highways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IIIA at a cost of Rs. 22,000 crore on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. 12 State Capitals will be linked under NHDP Phase-IIIA. Government has